

## MAN IN SING SING IS INDICTED FOR ECKERT KILLING

Russell Brice Was in Car  
When Staten Island Boot-  
legger Was Slain.

Russell Brice, who has been in Sing Sing prison serving a term of from ten to twenty years for burglary in Brooklyn since Feb. 4, has been indicted in Richmond County for the murder of Frederick P. Eckert, the master bootlegger, who was shot to death and left in an automobile on the Old Town Road, near Arrochar, Staten Island, Aug. 21.

The indictment, District Attorney Joseph Malloy announced to-day, was found several days ago, but was kept secret in the hope that others involved in the murder might be arrested. The police, however, have not been able to find any of them.

According to Mr. Malloy, the evidence in his hands does not indicate who fired the shot which killed Eckert, but does show that Brice was one of the men in the automobile at the time of the murder. Mr. Malloy believes that Brice was used by Eckert's enemies as a lure to get Eckert to take the late night ride in the hope of furthering his illegal business.

Brice was known on Staten Island as Jack Whalen and frequented the same resorts in which Eckert was frequently in consultation with his associates.

Brice, according to Mr. Malloy, was associated with Eckert in his "fence" garage in Orange, N. J., where he often kept as many as seven stolen automobiles, and was arrested with him at the time the Eckert band attacked a convey of liquor trucks on the Jersey Meadows.

The two were rescued from the Lake Hopatcong jail by comrades, who tore out the side of the place before the arrival of the Sheriff from Passaic.

Mr. Malloy said in his investigation he had not encountered any traces of Frank Walsh, the bootlegger and former friend of Eckert, who was murdered last Thursday night, but he thought it possible that Walsh, under another name, may have been among the men who were with Eckert at the time of his murder.

## WALSH WAS KILLED BY RIVAL GANG OF BOOTLEG BANDITS

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Walsh. The report indicated that the bullet was fired from the same pistol from which five bullets were fired into the body of Salamandra and gave support to the theory that Walsh was shot by one of his own band either in a quarrel or for robbery or to prevent his carrying out threats he made of giving evidence against rival bootleggers. The bullet was soft—not steel jacketed—and was .38 calibre.

Detective Seft, sent from Police Headquarters in New York to co-operate with the New Jersey authorities, spent yesterday in New Brunswick and Newark. He made his report here to-day. It was not made public, but the Police Chief of New Brunswick asserted, Seft assured them, before he left, that he was entirely satisfied that Walsh was not killed because of any connection he may have had with the murder of bootlegger Frank P. Eckert in Staten Island last August or with New York policemen under charges of complicity in automobile thefts.

It was pointed out Salamandra's automatic pistol, which was carried in a pocket of the Hudson sedan car in which he and his brother were following the truck of whiskey, was a .32 calibre weapon. No trace has been found of this pistol. It was loaded with steel jacketed bullets. Walsh himself had in his pocket when his body was found a .38 calibre revolver with three empty shells in the cylinder. Charles Barnaba, who rode in the Hudson with the Salamandra brothers had a .32 calibre revolver, which was taken from him by the police, and so far as can be learned there were no other weapons in the Salamandra party.

As further indications that Walsh was shot by a member of his own party riding in the big Cadillac car used by the raiders, the police point out that there are no stains indicating Walsh's body was lifted into the car, though his wound bled profusely.

Statements by Walsh's family that Walsh had \$15,000 and two certified checks for \$10,000 each in his possession are not regarded seriously by the investigators. They believe that the robbery of his body, even to the taking of gold links from the cuffs—though \$800 was found in his trousers pockets—was a clumsy effort to disguise the motive for the murder, which they now believe had the double purpose of the theft of the

## SHIP IN ICE FLOE DRIFTING HELPLESS NORTH, SAYS S.O.S.

Bristol City, Short of Coal,  
Caught in Jam Off Cape  
Breton, Nova Scotia.

An S.O.S. stating she was helpless in an ice floe off Nova Scotia was relayed here to-day from the freighter Bristol City. Short of coal and helpless in the current carrying her north, the ship is believed to be in a death struggle against ice, gales and cold. Saturday the Bristol City sent a wireless appeal for aid, declaring fuel was low and the cargo and woodwork were being burned to keep the boilers going.

The freighter to-day reported she was drifting helplessly to the northward in an ice floe 160 miles east of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. She has a crew of forty men and is bound from Bristol, England, to New York.

Word of the steamship's plight was caught by wireless by the Cape Race station and relayed in Naval Communications, No. 44 Broadway, early to-day. Two messages were received signed by J. J. Carey.

The first said the ship was in distress 160 miles east of Loughburg and short of coal. The second read: "S.O.S. Bristol City bearing northward 70 north longitude, 30 west latitude. In heavy fields of ice. Have no steam to get through. Want immediate assistance."

The position given is obviously confused in transmission; the Cape Race operator reported the wireless was very faint and he assumed the lack of coal affected the wireless power.

The agents for the Bristol City are James Arkell and Co., No. 25 Whitehall Street. She is a single screw steel vessel of 3511 tons built at Bristol in 1899 and is 309 feet long.

stolen whiskey and getting Walsh out of the way because of the advances he was known to have made toward giving evidence to District Attorney Whitman regarding rival automobile thieves and bootleggers. There is also the theory that there was an effort to prevent identification of the body, though one letter in the inside pocket of his waistcoat was overlooked.

The statement that the Salamandra whiskey contraband was withdrawn to-day by Prosecutor Stricker of New Brunswick. He learned, he said, that the Salamandra obtained a permit to move the whiskey Feb. 11; it covered sixteen barrels of Pennsylvania whiskey and nine barrels of Kentucky whiskey and was valued in the permit at \$6,556.25, the internal revenue tax price.

Several Jersey cities and towns had their rival bootleggers' headquarters, and bitter rivalry in getting the "stuff" is blamed for no little bloodshed in recent months. Co-operation of the authorities of the two States was agreed on yesterday at a conference in Newark. Detective Seft of the Homicide Squad represented New York City. Four counties of New Jersey were represented. Seft is the detective who worked on the Eckert murder in Staten Island. Others were Detective George H. Totten of Somerset County, Detective Ferd David of Middlesex County, Captain of Detectives Turner of Passaic, Sgt. Walsh of Harrison and Detectives Harris and Bell of Newark.

The New Brunswick police to-day arrested Felix Arnold and John Smith and they were held in \$5,000 bail as material witnesses. The two owned an Essex automobile. Smith reported to the police late Friday last that the car had been stolen the night before from in front of the Pennsylvania Station in New Brunswick where he had left it to go to Bound Brook by train.

The police believe this is the car which smashed into a railroad trolley on Freshwater Avenue, Newark, early Friday morning, after the murder. Three men were seen to jump from the disabled car and run away down the railroad tracks. They left new cloth caps in the car, one of which bore the label of a New Brunswick store. It is the theory of the police that the three men who broke down their Cadillac fleeing from the scene of the murder and were brought to the outskirts of Newark by Milkman Adler telephoned to New York for a friend to come their aid with a car and cap; they had left their headgear—a derby and two felt hats—in the Cadillac when they abandoned it with Walsh's body after the breakdown.

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## MOVE IN THE HOUSE FOR IMPEACHMENT OF U. S. JUDGE LANDIS

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Committee, in accordance with the Constitution. An investigation by the committee reaches the opinion that there is sufficient evidence for impeachment this is reported to the House. If the House concurs, the impeachment trial will be held by the Senate.

In presenting his case, Representative Welby said the District of Columbia Supreme Court had entered a judgment of \$240,000 against the American and National Leagues and the individual sixteen clubs composing those organizations "for having violated the Sherman Anti-Trust Law."

"This case is now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States," said Mr. Welby. "What will hinder each member of this court from accepting a like sum from these baseball associations? If Judge Landis can lawfully accept this additional fee, then every other Federal Judge in the land can enter the employ of those who violate the law of the land. The question for Congress to settle is, Can a Federal Judge accept a subsidy to perform judicial duties?"

"I want to keep the baseball sport clean, so people will continue to support it. But you cannot maintain the sport when you permit the players to throw the game and the baseball magnates to throw our judiciary."

Judge Landis Won't Talk About Impeachment Move.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Judge Kene-saw M. Landis to-day refused to comment on the charges and threatened impeachment proceedings in Washington. He regulated published statements about Senator Dial of South Carolina attributed to him and declared he would have nothing further to say on the matter at this time.

"All these reports of alleged interviews make me a common gossip," he said. "Anything I say now would just be handing that fellow word for his fire."

The Judge was busy with callers all day to-day. Some offered sympathy and support.

## CRAIG PLANS BILL FOR CITY TO TAKE OVER ALL CAR LINES

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and cars from the public streets. The obstruction to traffic now caused by the lines operating under the receivership of Job Hedges costs the city of New York annually untold millions in trucking charges in the movement of vehicular traffic conveying food, merchandise and other necessary commodities, the cost of which is greatly increased by the obstructions of Receiver Hedges' cars.

"There are some surface lines which for a few years to come may serve a useful purpose, but they are now so disconnected and cut up that the public must pay two or three fares to obtain any benefits from them."

"The city should be empowered by exercise of the power of eminent domain to acquire any such lines and arrange their operation so as to render a proper service at a single fare and, when necessary, transfers to the rapid transit line."

"There is no justification whatever, in my opinion, in any legislation that authorizes private operating companies to take the tolls and dominate the service on transportation lines owned by the City of New York or on lines the existence of which involve the use of public streets of the city. No argument can be made against the city on the ground of lack of financial ability because all these propositions may be financed in one of several different ways, all clearly within the city's resources under such legislation."

"The Constitution authorizes the City of New York to own public utilities and to issue its bonds in payment for them. The right of ownership by the city should include all these rights of dominion over property such as the use to which they shall be put and operated. It is monstrous that the city should be authorized to own property costing hundreds of millions and then be compelled by the Legislature to permit private corporations to enjoy

the use of such property and reap all advantages of ownership without any of its burdens."

The Comptroller expressed the opinion that the Legislature is absolutely destitute of any power to abrogate the existing contracts between the city and the traction companies.

At the outset of his address the Comptroller declared that the purpose of Gov. Miller's programme was the perpetuation of private ownership of traction. He said that, curiously enough, the Governor had gone back to the Legislature of 1880 for inspiration with which to strip the city of its power over grants. It was in this year that the surface lines of this city were granted the so-called "perpetual franchisees." So great was public indignation over the passage of the "perpetual franchise" law that Fernando Wood, then Mayor, declared that New York City would be justified in attempting secession from the State, the Comptroller said.

"It is as a result of that infamous legislation," the Comptroller said, "that the City of New York cannot lift its fingers in regard to traction without the consent of some public utilities commission empowered in power by an act of the Legislature."

Mr. Craig said that the city's debt for the entire expenditure of the original roadway companies was a self-sustaining investment which could not be affected by any legislation. He found in the Rapid Transit Laws power allowing the city to incur debt for the municipal ownership of public utilities.

Senator Walker asked the Comptroller whether in his opinion the traction situation had been changed by Gov. Miller's recent letter to Oliver P. Bridgman.

"In plain English, stripped of all its rhetoric and its advice Gov. Miller's plan is nothing more or less than an increased fare plan," declared the Comptroller. "That, after all, is all the companies have been contending for since the beginning of the big traction drive."

"James L. Quackenbush, counsel for the Interborough, once stated that the position of the company was that the fares should be doubled. If Gov. Miller's plan, through which contract obligations might be nullified, were to be adopted, the dream of Mr. Quackenbush and the Interborough would be easy of realization."

The Comptroller said attempts were being made to create the impression that the Interborough and other traction companies are going to build more lines in this city. Nothing was further from the truth, the Comptroller said. The truth is, he asserted, that the companies hope to have the city build new lines and permit the companies to operate them at their old-time profits.

The Comptroller declared there must

be a fight to a finish on the question whether or not New York City is to be permitted to operate its own traction lines. He declared that the city's debt margin would be about \$250,000,000 at the end of the month, and that if municipal ownership is adopted there are several ways of financing the purchase of the traction lines.

If the Gov. Miller plan is permitted to prevail, the Comptroller said, and if the fare on subway and other lines is increased from 5 to 10 cents it would mean an increase of \$100,000,000 in the yearly revenues of the Interborough alone.

Mayor Hylan, in denouncing the plan of Gov. Miller, said the "people of this city are sick and tired of hav-

ing a commission created by legislative mandate butting into their affairs." He said the regulatory commissions regulate everyone except the corporations they are paid to regulate. One of the results of the Miller "unification" of transit lines, the Mayor said, would be the undoing of obsolete surface lines on the public traction interests seek to deprive the city of bus franchises.

## URGES NEGRO FOR CABINET.

Bronx and Manhattan Citizens' Union Sends Appeal to Harding.

The appointment of a negro to the Cabinet was urged in a letter sent here, it being considered a joke.

Yesterday to President-elect Harding by the Bronx and Manhattan Non-Partisan Citizens' Union. The letter, which was signed by Eugene McInish, President, said in part:

"To-day the 12,000,000 colored citizens of this country are represented in no position of honor or emolument in this Government."

Silly Story From Moscow.  
REUTERS, Feb. 14.—One has tried to send and Russians are to be deported from the United States within the next few months, according to Moscow dispatches here, which said Latvia had been asked to permit their passage through that country.

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